(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this rail service is likely to be started; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work on Rampur-Lalkua-Kathgodam BG line is in progress and is expected to be completed in 93-94, after which it would be possible to have direct BG train service between Delhi and Kathgodam.

(c) Does not arise.

Compulsory Education in States

68. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where education has been declared compulsory;

(b) whether the Government propose to launch any new scheme in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) 14 States and 4 UTs have enacted legislation which enables State Governments and UT Administrations to introduce compulsory primary education.

(b) The Central Government have no such proposal under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Since a decision regarding making primary education compulsory depends on local circumstances, a decision in this matter should be taken by State Governments/UT Administrations.

Rail Projects in Uttar Pradesh

*69. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the railway projects that were started in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the year of completion of such projects and the cost thereof;

(c) the works and the areas to which these projects are related;

(d) whether the construction work of some such projects is being delayed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of railway projects to be taken up in the State during the Eighth Plan and the expenditure involved?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

(d) and (e). Projects were progressed according to availability of resources;

(f) Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised.